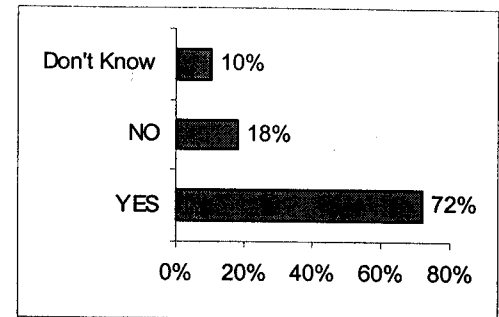


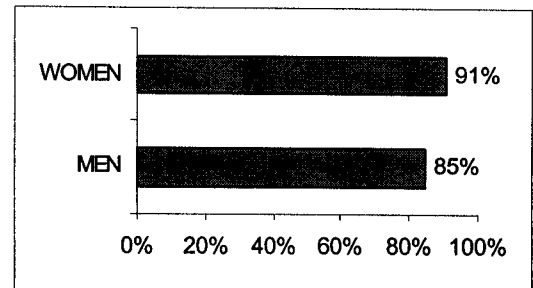
ERA PUBLIC AWARENESS POLL

7 out of 10 people surveyed think that the Constitution **ALREADY makes it clear that male and female citizens are entitled to *equal rights*.***



“As far as you know, does the Constitution of the United States make it clear that male and female citizens are supposed to have equal rights?”

When they learn it does not, **NINE** out of every Ten Americans, both **MEN** and **WOMEN** believe the Constitution should state that male and female citizens are entitled to equal rights.



“In your opinion, **SHOULD** the Constitution make it clear that male and female citizens are supposed to have equal rights?” Yes:

Although most Americans believe that women have the same rights as men under our Constitution, they are mistaken. Men's rights are guaranteed by specific language in the Constitution. Women's rights are secured only at the whim of Congress or state legislatures.

It is time women's rights were embedded in the CONSTITUTION. Men do not rely on Congress to ensure them the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Why should American women have their rights subject to the mercy of politicians?

Isn't it time that equality is guaranteed to all persons regardless of gender?

*Survey conducted by Opinion Research Corporation Caravan Services in July 2001. Sample size 1,002 adults, 500 men, 502 women. 95% confidence level.

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